

Cabinet Single-Member Decisions and Responses to Recommendations from PDS Panels

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CRSTS Bath City Centre Phase 1 Handover

Handover of responsibility for Phase 1 of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) Bath City Centre Sustainable Transport Corridor Project from the West of England Combined Authority to Bath & North East Somerset Council.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel

Decision published: 28/10/2024

Effective from: 05/11/2024

Decision:

(1) To agree that the position of responsible body be assumed by B&NES Council for Phase 1 of the Bath City Centre project, to be delivered according to milestones agreed with the Combined Authority.

(2) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the S151 Officer, to accept the Grant Offer Letter (GOL) from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority when it is provided.

(3) To approve capital budget of £455k to develop the Full Business Case (FBC), final Preliminary and Detailed Designs for the scheme. This is entirely funded by CRSTS grant.

(4) To agree the intention for further approval of grant funding acceptance to be sought at an appropriate time, following Combined Authority approval of the Full Business Case, for delivery of the works associated with the Bath City Centre Phase 1 project.

Wards affected: Kingsmead

Lead officer: Ryan Duncan

23 Grosvenor Place, Bath: Operating Arrangements

In March 2020, 23 Grosvenor Place was repurposed as part of the Council's response to the government's "Everyone In" homelessness directive during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the receipt of £1.2 million from the government, the building was extensively refurbished to provide 20 units of high-quality, self-contained accommodation for individuals transitioning from rough sleeping to a more stable living situation. Since April 2020, Julian House has been responsible for housing management and personal support, collecting and holding all rental income. With the refurbishment now complete, a more streamlined and cost-effective operational strategy is required. It is therefore proposed to bring the housing management and support functions in-house.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Built Environment, Housing and Sustainable Development

Decision published: 15/10/2024

Effective from: 23/10/2024

Decision:

(1) To transfer, and bring inhouse, the housing management and support arrangement currently provided by Julian House.

(2) To delegate all operational decisions required to progress this decision to the Head of Housing.

Wards affected: Walcot

Lead officer: Graham Sabourn

Local Authority Housing Fund Delivery Programme Round 3

Decision to support the delivery of Round 3 of the Local Authority Housing Fund programme which will deliver 4 homes for Afghan families. The properties will be purchased on the open market via LAHF grant passported via the Council together with additional borrowing from the existing ADL Loan Agreement. Therefore, in accordance with the Shareholder Agreement 2018, updated in 2022, Aequus must seek approval from the Shareholder for Reserved Matters 22 and 28.

Decision Maker: Council Leader

Decision published: 09/10/2024

Effective from: 09/10/2024

Decision:

To approve the reserved matters below to allow Aequus Development Limited (ADL) to progress with supporting the Council to deliver this programme:

- Reserved Matter 22 – approval of total asset acquisitions that will exceed £500,000 but less than £5m per annum

- Reserved Matter 28 – Making any borrowing.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Susan Hayter

Midsomer Norton High Street Regeneration

Funding to support delivery of Midsomer Norton Town Centre Bus Stop Improvement project as part of the High Street Regeneration programme.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Economic and Cultural Sustainable Development, Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel

Decision published: 07/10/2024

Effective from: 15/10/2024

Decision:

(1) To delegate approval to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the S151 Officer, to accept the uplift of £856k Investment Fund grant from the Mayoral Combined Authority. These funds will be spent in line with the grant agreement.

(2) To fully approve capital budget of £856k funded from MCA Investment Fund grant for delivery of the Market Square scheme and delivery of an interchange and improvement at the main High Street bus stop (at the Hollies).

Wards affected: Midsomer Norton North; Midsomer Norton Redfield

Lead officer: Cleo Newcombe-Jones

Scholars Way Active Travel project

Scholars Way is an Active Travel route comprising an eastern and western section, proposing to link the University of Bath, Combe Down & St Martins School, via Mulberry Park and a potential extension to Odd Down. Following approval of the Budget and Council Tax 2024/25 report, this will fully approve £2m, funded by revenue held in the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) reinvestment reserve, focussed on delivery of the western section. This includes road links with pedestrian and cycle crossings, new parallel crossings, new toucan crossings for pedestrian and cycles and new cycleways and shared footpaths.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel, Cabinet Member for Resources

Decision published: 07/10/2024

Effective from: 15/10/2024

Decision:

(1) To approve capital budget of £2m, fully funded by the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) reinvestment reserve, for the Western section of Scholars Way (Combe Down village to Frome Road).

(2) To note that the remaining interventions in the Eastern section are proposed to progress through Final Business Case (FBC) stage to be submitted to WECA, in order to establish the evidence base for securing funding for delivery and construction. Should a decision be taken for the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) to fund construction of the Eastern section, agreement has been reached with the West of England Combined Authority that the £2m investment in the Western Section will be counted as BANES local match to that investment.

(3) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the s151 Officer, to formally accept any future grants from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority or other funding body, relating to this scheme.

(4) To note the delivery of one crossing (Bathwick Hill, at Oakley/Copseland) and the progression of necessary approvals and final design for another (at Ralph Allen School) in the Eastern Section through the Highways programme for 2024/25.

Wards affected: Bathwick; Combe Down; Odd Down; Widcombe & Lyncombe

Lead officer: Kate Hobson

CIL for Bath Advisory Board Recommendations Round Sixteen

The Council Leader is asked to agree the recommendations that have been made by the Bath CIL Advisory Board for funding allocations.

Decision Maker: Council Leader

Decision published: 30/09/2024

Effective from: 08/10/2024

Decision:

To agree the following allocations:

- **Youth Connect South West** funding request of £50,312.50 to support two open-access youth work sessions in Odd Down and Weston, along with a targeted group at Southside in Twerton.
- **Bath BMX Club** funding request of £20,000 to enhance The Tumps BMX track located in Odd Down, Bath.
- **Shaftesbury Road Memorial Gardens** funding request of £600 to fund the purchase and installation of a handrail on the steps leading to the formal wreath laying area and memorial plaque in Shaftesbury Road Memorial Gardens.

- **Larkhall United Reformed Church** funding request of £6,556.32 for repairs and enhancements to its youth hub facilities in Larkhall, Bath.
- **Lansdown Ward** funding request of £95,000 for the installation of a new pedestrian crossing.
- **Friends of Henrietta Park** funding request of £20,000 to finance the relining of the ornamental pond located in the Memorial Garden of Henrietta Park.
- **Alice Park** funding request of £75,000 to support the playpark improvements in Lambridge, Bath.
- **Active Weston** funding request of £58,125 to finance the installation of a basketball hoop, benches, a playing surface, and a park notice board at Weston Recreation Ground.

The Advisory Board also reviewed two projects agreed in round fifteen. These projects were unable to fulfil the grant funding agreement. The Advisory Board have recommended that funding is withdrawn and transferred into the overall funding allocation. The projects are:

Bath City Football Club £75,000 and Love Weston Library £10,000.

Wards affected: All Bath Wards

Lead officer: Mark Hayward

Sustainable Construction Checklist (Supplementary Planning Document) Review and Update of Energy Summary Tool 1

Following consultation on proposed draft amendments to the Sustainable Construction Checklist Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) the final version of the amended SPD has been prepared and is recommended for adoption. The amendments will mean that applicants for schemes of up to 25 dwellings (including a maximum of 9 flats) can use the SAP Energy Summary Tool to demonstrate compliance with Local Plan Partial Update Policy SCR6.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Built Environment, Housing and Sustainable Development

Decision published: 16/09/2024

Effective from: 24/09/2024

Decision:

(1) To adopt the amended Sustainable Construction Checklist Supplementary Planning Document (Appendix 1 of the report).

(2) To adopt the updated version of Energy Summary Tool 1 (Appendix 2 of the report).

(3) To delegate authority to the Head of Planning to make any necessary editorial changes, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Built Environment, Housing and Sustainable Development, prior to publication of the adoption of the Sustainable Construction Checklist Supplementary Planning Document.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Richard Daone

B&NES endorsement of Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2023-2025

Under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000 local authorities and Conservation Boards (where applicable) are required to produce Management Plans for National Landscapes (Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)) within their boundaries and to review them at intervals of no more than five-years. The Cotswolds National Landscape Board adopted the Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2023-2025 last year. This item will seek endorsement of the Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2023-2025 as the basis for safeguarding and managing the unique beauty and distinctive character of the National Landscape and to be taken into account in the preparation of the Council's Local Development documents and in the determination of planning applications.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Built Environment, Housing and Sustainable Development

Decision published: 16/09/2024

Effective from: 24/09/2024

Decision:

To endorse the Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2023-2025 as the basis for safeguarding and managing the unique beauty and distinctive character of the National Landscape and to be taken into account in the preparation of the Council's Local Development documents and as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

Wards affected: Bathavon North; Bathavon South; Bathwick; Lambridge; Lansdown; Weston

Lead officer: Richard Daone

New Special Residential and Day School

Future use of Charlton House Keynsham as a new Special Residential and Day School and full approval of £6.1m capital cost to convert the building.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Decision published: 11/09/2024

Effective from: 19/09/2024

Decision:

To agree that Charlton House, Keynsham can be re-purposed into a small residential and day school for young people aged 11-17 with complex special education needs and fully approves £6.1m High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (HNPCA) Grant funding to carry out the remodelling to accommodate the young people at the new special school.

Wards affected: Keynsham North

Lead officer: Olwyn Donnelly

Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon & Wiltshire Integrated Contract Award

Delegate to the Director of Adult Social Care, in consultation with the Lead Member for Adult Services, the Integrated Care Board decision to award a contract for delivery of BSW Integrated Services as of April 2025.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Adult Services

Decision published: 09/09/2024

Effective from: 17/09/2024

Decision:

(1) To delegate to the Director of Adult Social Care, in consultation with the Lead Member for Adult Services, the decision to contract for the delivery of Integrated Community Based Care for Children, Young People and Adults services as from April 2025 in accordance with the outcome of the tender exercise currently being co-commissioned with the Integrated Care Board and other Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Local Authorities as detailed in the report.

(2) Subject to (1) to agree 'in principle' to commit B&NES and Better Care Funding of £5,062,923 (2025/26) to the Integrated Care Board Integrated Community Based Care for Children, Young People, and Adults contract from 2025-2032 (with a potential for a further 2 years to 2034). The total funding commitment over the initial 7-year contract term from B&NES is £35,440,461. The overall contract is a fixed envelope. Within this there will be annualised uplifts by the cost uplift factor for the NHS and BCF element in line with National operating guidance as published. So, any Local Authority funding is not subject to an automatic uplift.

(3) Subject to (1) to appoint the Director of Adult Social Care to be the Council's representative on the Collaborative Oversight Forum as required in the Collaborative Commissioning Agreement (Principle 2.1.3 and clause 5) and delegate to the Director the power to appoint other B&NES officers to sub groups of that body to ensure appropriate governance arrangements are put in place to support shared leadership and accountability for the Collaborative, and to build a strong working relationship and culture of trust between the Collaborative.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Claire Thorogood
